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The GWAC Center, Pacific Rim Region FY03 Calendar in Review Sherrie Householder

January – The GWAC Center, Pacific Rim Region sponsored a three-day Alliant Pre-RFP planning session in San Francisco during the week of January 14th. Participants included representatives from FSS Management, nine FTS Regions, FEDSIM, Acquisition Policy and General Counsel. Although the current ANSWER contracts have five remaining option years, planning for Alliant at this time will help to mitigate contract issues later on.

February – Paul Kennedy conducted the fourth Past Performance Survey for the ANSWER contract. The results of the survey surpassed expectations with an overall average of 4.54 out of 5.0. Six Industry Partners; Anteon, Booz.Allen & Hamilton, CSC, DynCorp, EER, and SAIC received the coveted ANSWER “Brass Ring” Award by exceeding their pre-award scores. ITS Corporation for the 4th straight year received the highest overall past performance score.

March – On March 27th the GWAC Center, Pacific Rim Region met with the Contract Vehicle Review Board (CVRB) in Crystal City to review the salient elements of the ANSWER contract in terms of financial viability, scope of the contract, award distribution, total dollars awarded and estimated contract value, technical refreshment, past performance surveys & methodologies, rate area structure, contract types, operational efficiency, socioeconomics, etc.

April – Over 60 representatives from GSA and Industry conducted the Tech Refresh IV Summit for ANSWER, focusing on the areas of Homeland Defense, Health Informatics, and Environmental.

May – On May 7, 2003 the GWAC Center, Pacific Rim Region met with the CVRB for approximately 2 hours to address the unique characteristics of the Alliant Business Case and Acquisition Plan.

June - The GWAC Center, Pacific Rim Region developed a new initiative entitled “Solutions Seminar” to reach out to the FTS client base on the topic of Government Wide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs) as well as other current topics of interest. The first Solutions Seminar was introduced in Dayton, Ohio. Over 100 clients, associates and industry partners attended.

July - The ANSWER contract was modified to incorporate 8 new skills in accordance with the Technical Refreshment and Changes Clause. Because the ANSWER contract covers a 10-year period, technical refreshment is needed to stay current with the latest advances in technology and to accommodate the rapid evolution in the nature and manner of the IT services provided.

August – The GWAC Center, Pacific Rim Region transitions the Millennia, ACES, Disaster Recovery, Virtual Data Center and Telis contracts from FSS Central Office. The inaugural Millennia Board of Directors meeting was held on August 21st, 2003. This one-day meeting included discussion of topics such as the FSS/FTS realignment, the history of the GWAC Center, the transition plan for the Millennia program and existing GWAC Center initiatives.

September – The GWAC Center, Pacific Rim Region expands staff with the addition of three Contracting Officers (CO); Susan Currey, Daniel Wilmoth and Aprell Bradford. Each CO will be a PCO for the contracts that were transitioned in August from Central Office.

October – ANSWER GWAC Center receives Delegation of Contracting Authority for Millennia, ACES, Disaster Recovery, Virtual Data Center and Telis.

November - The GWAC Center, Pacific Rim Region inducts 97 contracting professionals into FY03 ANSWER Hall of Fame.

December – ANSWER GWAC Center renames newsletter to keep in step with all GWACs currently within the organization. The GWAC Centers conducted three Solutions Edu courses; Project Management in Atlanta, GA, Source Selection in Washington, DC with the Army Intelligence and Security Command and GWAC Contracting 101 in Korea.

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ANSWER CONTRACT FACTOIDS!

2164 Task Orders
3.0 Bids/ New Task Order
\$2.423 B Funded Sales
\$6.17 B Estimated Value

MILLENNIA CONTRACT FACTOIDS!

78 Task Orders
\$2.30 B Funded Sales
\$6.58 B Estimated Value

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ANSWER Supports Justice Department's JABS -IDENT/IAFIS Programs
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The Systems Engineering and Development Staff (SEDS) in the Justice Management Division selected the ANSWER contract and Northrop Grumman Information Technology, one of the ANSWER Industry Partner teams, to provide system engineering and related program planning support for the IDENT/IAFIS Integration and the JABS programs. These projects use state-of-the-art technology in the identification of individuals via fingerprints and automation of criminal bookings, respectively. The JABS-IDENT/IAFIS Program Management Office (PMO) has been established within SEDS to oversee, design, develop, and deliver these projects.

JABS (Joint Automated Booking System) is a major Justice Department information system initiative which represents the first electronic information sharing project among the Department's five law enforcement components: Bureau of Prisons (BOP), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS), and the US Marshals Service (USMS). This connectivity for information sharing promotes business process reengineering and adds further value to each component's mission critical system. Major goals of the JABS initiative are to (1) automate the booking process, (2) enable each law enforcement organization to share and exchange booking information, and (3) establish a federal offender tracking system.

IDENT (Automated Biometric Identification System) is a system the INS developed to identify illegal border crosser recidivists and determine illegal crossing trends. The system requires digital scans (fingerprints) of the left and right index fingers and a digital photo of the individual. Agents, inspectors, investigators, and other officers using the IDENT biometric databases review this electronic information.

The FBI's IAFIS (Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System) is a fingerprint matching system tightly coupled with a comprehensive criminal history of more than 37 million arrestees and database of digitized images of the fingerprints of those individuals. The FBI's fingerprint examiners provide timely, positive identification (or non-identification) of ten-print and latent print submissions.

The Justice Department intends to integrate the fingerprint databases of the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI under the IDENT/IAFIS Integration Project. The IDENT/IAFIS Integration and the JABS programs highlight the growing prominence of biometric technologies. Biometrics, which is the process of using an individual's physical or behavioral traits as a form of identification, comes in many forms. Fingerprint recognition is the best known and most widely used of the biometrics technologies now available.

Aprill Bradford Joins the Pacific Region GWAC Team
Anjanette Magante

The Pacific Rim Region GWAC Team welcomed Aprill Bradford, who joined GSA on November 17th, 2003. Aprill previously worked for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest Division in San Diego. Aprill is the ACES Contract PCO, as well as the Deputy PCO for the Millennia Contract. She earned her Master's degree from the Naval Post Graduate School and has over 21 years experience with the Federal government, of which three years were served on active duty with the Army. Welcome aboard, Aprill!

***Millennia Contract Program Management Meeting to be held January 13, 2004 in Virginia***
Susan Currey

The upcoming Millennia Contract Program Management Meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2004 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the Springfield Hilton, Springfield, Virginia. This one-day meeting will include featured speakers: Tina Burnette, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Commercial Acquisition and Bill Archambeault, Alliant Procuring Contracting Officer with Lisa Akers, FEDSIM Program Director, leading an open discussion of Acquisition Trends.

December Events

Date: 12/1-12/5
Location: Atlanta, GA
Event: Solutions Edu Project Management Training

Date: 12/9-12/11
Location: INSCOM
Event: Solutions Edu Source Selection Training

Date: 12/15-12/19
Location: Seoul, Korea
Event: Solutions Edu Introduction to Contracting Training

Date: 12/17
Location: San Diego, CA
Event: ANSWER Quarterly Program Managers Meeting

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